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For: HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS  
USING A LAMP FOR RAPIDLY  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated September 29, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between three patentably distinct species of the invention. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species A, Figs 2-26. Pending claims 1-8 and 19-25 are directed to the elected species, Species A, Figs. 2-26. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 19-25 should be examined by the Examiner and claims 9-18 and 26-37 should be withdrawn from consideration.

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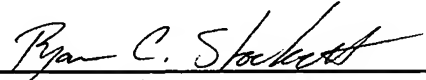
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